

ILAB TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	TODOS Y TODAS TRABAJAMOS: DERECHOS LABORALES PARA TODOS Y TODAS WORKING TOGETHER: LABOR RIGHTS FOR ALL
REGION / COUNTRY	CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
PROJECT DURATION	May 2007 – September 2013
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	TOTAL USD (\$) 8,325,000 FY 2006 USD (\$) 4,595,000 FY 2007 USD (\$) 350,000 FY 2009 USD (\$) 1,500,000 FY 2010 USD (\$) 1,880,000
PROBLEMS TO BE ADDRESSED	
Workers in Central America and the Dominican Republic do not always fully understand their labor rights, the labor laws governing those rights, and the proper processes and procedures for exercising those rights. For instance, workers often do not know what types of actions or treatment are prohibited by law or how to file a complaint with the labor ministry. Workers are therefore often unable to properly exercise their rights, which can further result in the ineffective use of limited labor ministry resources as they attend to inappropriate or incomplete complaints.	
ACHIEVEMENTS / RESULTS	
The project has established 14 Worker Rights Centers and three Sub-Centers that receive workers with inquiries or complaints. Center lawyers have provided 68,026 workers with legal consultations and presented 45,454 cases before relevant government agencies. The project has trained 526 trainers, 506 of whom have replicated their training, reaching a total of 78,383 workers. Media outreach campaigns have indirectly reached 9.43 million workers with labor rights information.	
PROJECT OBJECTIVES & SELECTED KEY ACTIVITIES	
This project aims to establish centers that 1) provide advice to individual workers about the scope and applicability of relevant labor laws, and 2) provide legal services explaining the procedural and documentation requirements to exercise those rights.	<p>Key Activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish worker rights centers that provide quality consultative and legal services to individual workers. 2. Establish a cadre of trainers who will train workers on their labor rights and conduct public outreach on worker rights issues. 3. Conduct targeted media campaigns informing workers about specific labor issues of concern.
GRANTEE / CONTRACTOR	Catholic Relief Services
PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Rights Institute of the University of Central America (IDHUCA) and the Independent Monitoring Group of El Salvador (GMIES), El Salvador • Justice and Peace Commission of Leon/Chinandega, Nicaragua • National Caritas, Costa Rica • Caritas, Honduras • Jesuit Refugee Service in the Dominican Republic (JRS) • Centro de Apoyo al Desarrollo Local (CEADEL), Guatemala
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